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FOR PM RE PINCUS-PAUL TRIP

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CARL MARCY, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE,
S-116, US CAPITOL:

"TAPES LIBYA/IRAN AND NOTES SENT THROUGH
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SUBJ: PINCUS-PAUL VISIT

REF: STATE 23792 AND 26325 (NOTAL)

1. MESSRS. PINCUS AND PAUL, ACCOMPANIED BY COLONEL DICKSON OF EUCOM CAME AND LEFT AS SCHEDULED, ARRIVING AT 2015 MARCH 17 AND DEPARTING FOR TRIPOLI AT 0800 MARCH 19. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED: A) EMBASSY BRIEFING BY CHARGE' AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR, B) MILITARY ASSISTANCE BRIEFING BY COLONEL RALPH GAHL, CHIEF MUSLO, C) VISIT TO NAVAL TRAINING COMMAND (NTC) AT KENITRA AND BRIEFING CAPT. E.M. CADENAS, D) VISIT TO NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION (NCS) SIDI YAHIA AND BRIEFING BY CAPT. B.Q. RYAN, AND E) DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF CHARGE'.

2. QUESTIONS BY PINCUS AND PAUL INDICATED PRIMARY INTEREST IN DETAILS OF NATURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF US PRESENCE IN MOROCCO FROM SAC BASE ERA IN EARLY 1950'S THROUGH INDEPENDENCE. MOHAMED V-EIS ENHOWER COMMUNIQUE DECLARING INTENT TO EVACUATE BASES BY END OF 1963, HASSAN-KENNEDY UNDERSTANDING AND HASSAN-JOHNSON REAFFIRMATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING. PINCUS PROBED PERSISTENTLY TO DETERMINE RELATIONSHIP OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN MOROCCO TO SECURITY

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CONCERNS OF KING. USING PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S TECHNIQUE OF ASSUMING AS FACT SOMETHING HE PRESUMABLY HOPED TO UNCOVER, PINCUS ASKED CHARGE' ABOUT KING'S "REQUEST" FOR SECURITY COMMITMENT FROM US. CHARGE' REPLIED HE KNEW OF NO SUCH REQUEST AND THAT THERE WAS, MOREOVER, NO SECURITY COMMITMENT OF ANY KIND. HE STRESSED LARGE FRENCH ROLE IN DEVELOPING MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES, AS WELL AS DESIRE OF KING TO AVOID OVER-DEPENDENCE MILITARILY ON ANY ONE FOREIGN COUNTRY. EMBASSY BRIEFING HIGHLIGHTED POINTS IN STATE 38048 AS WELL AS PRETINENT ELEMENTS FORM BACKGROUND SECTION OF RABAT A-38.

3. PINCUS AND PAUL EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US MILITARY FACILITIES IN MOROCCO, WHICH THEY CONSIDERED COMPARABLE TO THOSE AT WHEELUS AND KAGNEW, WERE SO LITTLE KNOWN. DESPITE CAREFUL STRESS BY EMBASSY THAT KENITR A COMPLEX HAS BEEN MOROCCAN SINCE 1963, PINCUS AND PAUL APPEARED TO REGARD MOROCCAN CHARACTER OF FACILITY AS A FICTION AND TO IMPUTE MORE SIGNIFICANCE TO KENNEDY-HASSAN UNDERSTANDING THAN IS CASE. IN SHORT, EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT, ALTHOUGH PINCUS AND PAUL DID NOT DISPUTE STATEMENT BY CHARGE' THAT US HAS MADE NO SECURITY COMMITMENT TO MOROCCO, THEY BELIEVE VISIBLE BENEFITS GOM DERIVES FROM US PART OF KENNEDY-HASSAN UNDERTAKING ARE INSUFFICIENT TO EXPLAIN MOROCCAN WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT US TO OPERATE SUCH IMPORTANT FACILITIES.

4. AT NTC AND NCS BRIEFINGS PINCUS AND PAUL SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FLUCTUATIONS IN LEVELS OF STAFFING AND EXPENDITURES OVER YEARS SINCE 1963. IN ADDITION, THEY TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF KEY NATURE OF EXTENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF NCS AND FACT THAT ITS LOCATION IN MOROCCO PERMITS USE OF 261 FREQUENCIES THAT COULD NOT BE DUPLICATED IN NUMBER ELSEWHERE.

5. THROUGHOUT BRIEFING PINCUS AND PAUL TOOK COPIOUS NOTES WHICH PINCUS LATER RECORDED ON TAPE ALONG WITH HIS COMMENTS AND TRANSMITTED BACK TO MR. CARL MARCY ON FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF. THEY EXPRESSED DESIRE ONLY FOR WRITTEN SUMMARY RECORD OF MUSLO AND NTC BRIEFINGS, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING SENT BY POUCH. COPIES ALSO PROVIDED TO COLONEL DICKSON. THEY DID NOT REQUEST AND DID NOT RECEIVE SUMMARY OF EMBASSY BRIEFING.

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